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Docket No. 136480

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Xiuzhang James Zhang, et al. :
Serial No.: 10/699,056 : Art Unit: 3745
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR COOLING :
GAS TURBINE ROTOR BLADES :

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION
FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the above-captioned patent application from issue. The issue fee was paid in this application on or about January 24, 2005.

Petition is requested to withdraw the application from issue in order to permit the filing of a Request For Continued examination (RCE) so that additional prior art may be submitted for the consideration of the Examiner in the RCE. The RCE and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) are filed concurrently herewith. These references in the IDS were cited in an International Search Report received after payment of the Issue fee.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Petition, or the accompanying application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

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